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GANESHA CHATURTHI

The offices and press of TNIE will remain closed today and there will be no issue dated September 11, 2021

ASST PHYSIO COVID +VE BUT 5TH TEST SET TO GO AHEAD

India's assistant physio Yogesh Parmar latest to contract virus in the team as players express concern to play the Test

ALL INDIA PLAYERS TEST NEGATIVE

The team didn't train on Thursday. The contingent has been placed under isolation in their hotel rooms where all of them were subjected to RT-PCR test. The results returned negative later in the evening. However, the BCCI is still worried that in case an IPL-bound player tests positive, it could have an impact on resumption of the league in the UAE from September 19

CONCERN AMONG PLAYERS TOO

- Several players received treatment from Parmar, including the likes of Rohit Sharma, Cheteshwar Pujara and Mohd Shami
- The team will undergo another round of testing — lateral flow test — on Friday morning and those results will confirm whether the match goes ahead as scheduled or not | P17

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INDIA LEAD THE FIVE-MATCH TEST SERIES

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BRICS stresses on stemming Af terror export

Grouping to help mitigate the humanitarian crisis, support intra-Afghan peace dialogue

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

COUNTERING terror, particularly in the context of the Afghanistan upheaval, dominated discussions on Thursday at the five-nation BRICS virtual summit chaired by India, with all heads of state collectively agreeing to combat the export of terror and cooperate to mitigate the humanitarian crisis in the war-torn country.

"We call for refraining from violence and settling the situation by peaceful means. We stress the need to contribute to fostering an inclusive intra-Afghan dialogue so as to ensure stability, civil peace, law and order in the country. We underscore the priority of fighting terrorism, including preventing attempts by terrorist organisations to use Afghan territory as terrorist sanctuary and to carry out attacks against other countries, as well as drug trade within Afghanistan. We emphasise the need to address the humanitarian situation and to uphold human rights, including those of women, children and minorities," a joint declaration adopted at the end of the summit, called the New Delhi Declaration, stated.

Secretary (CPV) in the ministry of external affairs, Sanjay Bhattacharya, said there was strong consensus on condemning terrorism, including cross-border terror, terror financing and the springing up of radical organisations.

In his opening address, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said BRICS has adopted a counter-terrorism action plan that was drawn up by national security advisors of the member states.

Putin said the situation in Afghanistan must not become a threat to its neighbours. "Russia, just like its BRICS partners, consistently supports the establishment of the long-awaited peace and stability in Afghanistan."

TOP TEN INSTITUTIONS

Several of Karnataka's premier institutions have been ranked in the Top 10 under different categories, in the latest National Institutional Ranking Framework

OVERALL	RANKINGS OF K'TAKA INSTITUTIONS
IIT Madras	UNIVERSITY
IISc B'luru	❶ IISc Bengaluru
IIT Bombay	❷ Manipal Academy of Higher Education
IIT Delhi	ENGINEERING
IIT Kanpur	❶ NITK Surathkal
IIT Kharagpur	MANAGEMENT
IIT Roorkee	❶ IIM Bangalore
IIT Guwahati	MEDICAL
JNU, Delhi	❶ NIMHANS, Bengaluru
BHU, Varanasi	❷ Kasturba Medical College, Manipal

IISc TOPS NIRF RANKING AMONG RESEARCH INSTITUTES, VARSITIES

CHETANA BELAGERE @ Bengaluru

THE Bengaluru-based Indian Institute of Science (IISc) has been adjudged the best among research institutions, while the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras retained the top spot for third consecutive year among institutes across India, as per the Union Ministry of Education's National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) rankings. The sixth edition of the rankings was announced by Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Thursday.

Seven Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) — IIT Madras, IIT Delhi, IIT Bombay, IIT Kharagpur, IIT Kanpur, IIT Guwahati and IIT Roorkee — figured in the top 10 in the overall rankings, while Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) and Banaras Hindu University (BHU) were ranked ninth and tenth.

The IISc also bagged the top spot in the 'Universities' category followed by JNU and BHU. Calcutta University, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Jamia Millia Islamia, Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Jadavpur University, University of Hyderabad and Aligarh Muslim Univeristy bagged subsequent positions.

The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Ahmedabad, IIM-Bangalore and IIM-Calcutta retained their first, second and third ranks, respectively among B-Schools in India.

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State govt allows lifting of weekend curfew in dists

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

WITH the positivity rate in all the districts in Karnataka falling below 2 per cent, the State Government on Thursday issued orders allowing the district deputy commissioners to decide whether to continue with the weekend curfew or lift it. However, night curfew between 9 pm and 5 am continues to be in force across the state.

Following this, weekend curfew has been lifted in Dakshina Kannada (1.83 per cent positivity rate) and Kodagu (1.67 per cent), while Udupi (1.83 per cent) and Hassan (1 per cent) are likely to follow suit.

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NATIONWIDE	SEP 08	SEP 09
Fresh cases	37,875	43,263
Recoveries	39,114	40,567
Deaths	369	338

KARNATAKA	SEPT 08	SEPT 09
Fresh cases	1,102	1,074
Recoveries	1,458	1,136
Deaths	17	4

WITH THIS ISSUE

INDULGE

EXPRESS READ

Ford pulls the plug on car production in India

New Delhi: US auto major Ford on Thursday said it will stop vehicle production at its two plants in India, and will sell only imported cars in future. P15

Govt extends ITR filing deadline to Dec 31

New Delhi: The government on Thursday extended the deadline till December 31 to file income tax returns by individuals for the financial year 2021. P15

GYANVAPI

Allahabad HC stays order for survey by ASI

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Varanasi

THE Allahabad High Court on Thursday stayed a fast-track court order directing the Archaeological Survey of India to do a physical survey of the Gyanvapi Mosque in Varanasi to know if the mosque was built on the ruins of an old temple.

A single-judge bench of Justice Prakash Padia also stayed all proceedings related to the matter in the Varanasi fast-track court.

The bench noted the HC had on March 15 reserved its verdict on petitions related to the same dispute pending before it, but the lower court did not have the "judicial courtesy and decorum" to respect the same.

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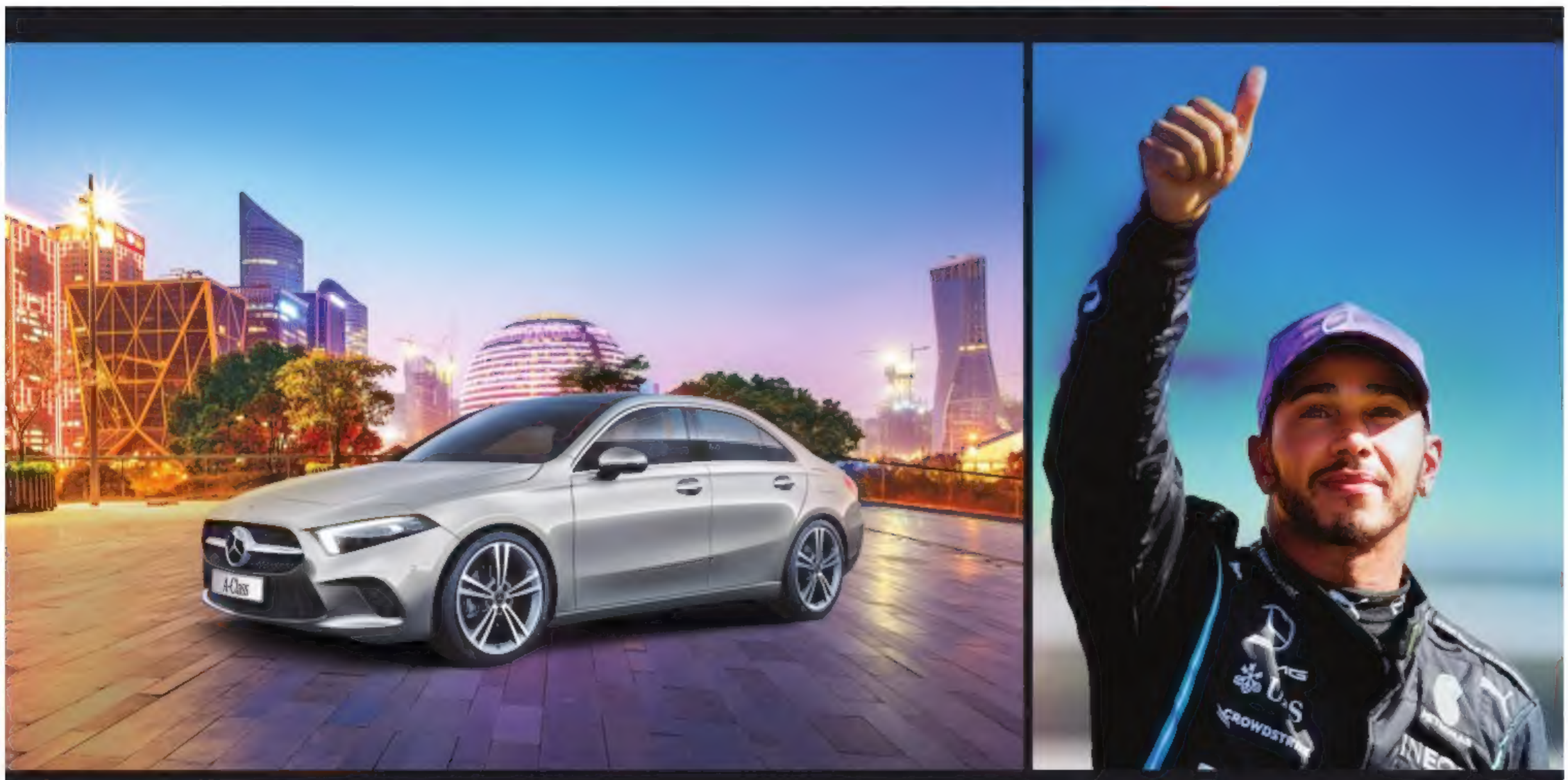
STRAY DOGS BURIED ALIVE

About 38-40 stray dogs were allegedly buried alive in Ranganathapura village in Shivamogga district. An FIR has been filed in this regard. P6



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